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A PLASTIC-PASSIVATED SURFACE AND METHOD
OF PRODUCTION THEREOF"

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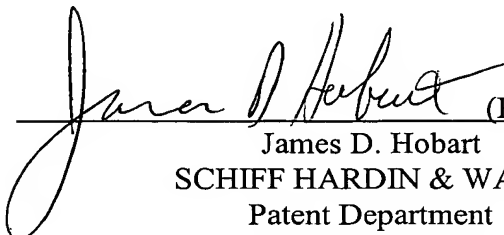
During prosecution of the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/295,917, German 43 10 401 and 1 902 392 as well as WO 92/06532 were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement. It is submitted that claims 1-14 are patentable over these references.

During prosecution of the article claims, the U.S. Patent Office cited U.S. Patent Nos. 4,670,771; 5,148,077; 5,218,259; 5,233,260; 5,407,759 and 5,753,537. It is respectfully submitted that method claims 1-14 are patentable over these six U.S. Patents and are allowable.

Since these nine references were provided in the parent application, copies are not being provided in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(d). However, if the Examiner

needs copies of any of these references, applicants' attorneys will be happy to furnish them upon request.

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